

“METHODS FOR CONTROLLING THE INTERNAL
CIRCUMFERENCE OF AN ANATOMIC ORIFICE OR LUMEN”

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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A method for controlling the circumference of internal anatomic passages corrects physiologic dysfunctions resulting from a structural orifice or lumen which is either too large or too small. Implants are disclosed which employ various means for adjusting and maintaining the size of an orifice to which they are attached. Systems
10 permit the implants to be implanted using minimally invasive procedures and permit final adjustments to the circumference of the implants after the resumption of normal flow of anatomic fluids *in situ*. Methods are disclosed for using the implants to treat heart valve abnormalities, gastroesophageal abnormalities, anal incontinence, and
15 the like.

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